

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....December 3, 2007

Members Present..... Commissioner Jim Rokosch,
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg
Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met with Sheriff Hoffman to discuss budget issues and for a general update.
Present was Administrative Assistant Wanda Lorea.

Wanda stated according to the budget they are currently at 38% of the fiscal year. She expects to be at 50% by December. Commissioner Driscoll stated the Internal Auditor indicated the Sheriff's Office could be over budget. Commissioner Chilcott questioned the payroll. Wanda replied she does not know if the current payroll is posted. She stated it runs about 8% of the total budget. She stated the taxes are not posted yet either which shows as revenue. Commissioner Grandstaff stated the Internal Auditor stated they have collected more in tax revenue this year than last.

Sheriff Hoffman discussed the 8% payroll which includes one uniform for newly hired deputies. Wanda stated this uniform purchase is in the budget under a specific line item. Board discussion followed regarding the disbursement of the clothing line item for uniforms. Sheriff Hoffman stated the drop is taxed properly.

Commissioner Thompson discussed properly taxing the use of county vehicles.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated according to the Internal Auditor, the Sheriff's Office is currently at 45% in the budget. The current area of concern is the overtime. Sheriff Hoffman stated if they have to run legal ads or hire new employees, it is an extra expenditure. Ammunition has gone up significantly from last year. Commissioner Chilcott questioned the subscription line item. Wanda replied it is largely due to the fact she had to pay subscriptions up front for the year. She discussed the summer fires and

obtaining reimbursement from the Forest Service. She stated they are also projecting reimbursement for Lake Como patrols. Wanda stated they have not been reimbursed for the Tin Cup fire.

Commissioner Driscoll asked how long the reimbursements take. Wanda replied it takes awhile. She stated she will look into the last needed reimbursement and let the Board know.

Commissioner Rokosch joined the meeting at this time.

Sheriff Hoffman explained how they transfer from one line item to the next if they are short. He stated they assess everyday how to spend the tax payer's dollar. He stated they are never able to project patrols and search and rescue costs. He stated he knows the budget year will be tight, but he will continue to watch overtime and do some creative scheduling.

Commissioner Thompson asked about the gas bid for vehicles. Sheriff Hoffman replied no one submitted a bid. Wanda stated they do get a rebate back from Conoco for gas. Commissioner Thompson replied it is the little things that add up quickly.

Commissioner Rokosch stated the Road Department is entering into a fuel program. He asked if it would be plausible for the Sheriff's Office to tag onto this. Sheriff Hoffman replied they are currently in a program. One important issue is their need to obtain gas from outside of the area. Deputies carry a fleet card for that purpose.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated she would like to discuss the union contract as it is 'hanging out there in limbo'. Sheriff Hoffman stated he is not involved in the negotiations. There are concerns with any monies in the contract such as promotions. He stated he was told there would be enough money for promotions without affecting operating costs. Commissioner Chilcott stated it sounds like the current in house policy and procedure guidelines defines what the Deputies are trying to memorialize the contract. Sheriff Hoffman states this dates back to Sheriff Jay Printz..

Discussion included the step and grade. Sheriff Hoffman stated they are not opposed to this as long as they can afford it and there have been some comments made in regard to this not being an issue or problem for his budget. Sheriff Hoffman stated the problem is this has not been addressed properly. Commissioner Rokosch stated from his understanding, there was an agreement that the Commissioners put the money in the budget to cover the step and grade increases. Sheriff Hoffman replied after a series of memos came out, this year's budget was tight. They had to cut some items to stay within the budget and the deputies had a concern. Sheriff Hoffman stated the hold up is signing off on what was agreed to.

Commissioner Rokosch stated his concern is keeping deputies within the budget. He discussed their needs for training and firearms. Sheriff Hoffman stated he is not keeping them from signing the contract. Commissioner Rokosch replied to his understanding that

the collective bargaining unit was all set to sign. Further discussion followed regarding specifics of the contract.

Commissioner Driscoll stated she understands the worry of the Sheriff and she does not want to represent bad faith on the part of the Commissioners for the contract. Sheriff Hoffman stated he did set aside raises for the deputies and he is not sure why they have not signed off on the agreement yet.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if Sheriff Hoffman budgets the promotions. Sheriff Hoffman replied yes they did. He stated he could ask the Deputies to sign the agreement and if their hold up is concern for the Sheriff's Office operating budget, he will talk to them.

Commissioner Rokosch stated law enforcement officers have a concern with safety in their work environment. Sheriff Hoffman suggested having Skip Rosenthal get in touch with Jeff Minckler in order to resolve the issues of the contract so it can be ratified.

Commissioner Rokosch discussed the Logisys program problems for 9-1-1 with Sheriff Hoffman and asked how the system is working for the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Hoffman replied it is working for them but they have had some problems with one current issue. He stated while it is an important issue to discuss he does not want to give up the software since he has a good relationship with 9-1-1. He also noted 9-1-1 is on a different part of the program. He felt once they get the 'bugs out' of the system and have trained the county employees, the system should be fine. Commissioner Chilcott expressed concern over having to have a county employee being designated to do the maintenance when there is a contract for services. Commissioner Grandstaff stated she is concerned with the amount of money that has been spent in the software and would not want to have to dump their program. She stated the whole point of having attorneys review the contract is to be clear about the tech support. Sheriff Hoffman stated one of the problems is the original sales representatives are no longer there, as they are the ones who promised certain services. Commissioner Chilcott stated he is willing to work with Logisys, but he does not want the county to get the 'short end of the stick'. Wanda stated I.T. wants to be the administrator of this software as they sent Rick Hancock to do some maintenance. Sheriff Hoffman stated they need to consider the software as a whole and maintain the agreement.

Sheriff Hoffman stated the civil division was not using Logisys but a generic program that created problems. As with any software program, people are resistant to change. He has in the past, sat down with these particular people and discussed what the problem was and how to address it. Most of the time it was a lack of understanding. Sheriff Hoffman stated everyone needs to be on the same page before going to Logisys with these problems. He suggested putting a department head in charge without costing the county more money.

Commissioner Rokosch stated they are currently reviewing the contract and listing the problems. He also noted it comes down to how the county would be able to pay for the tech support when it was supposed to be in the contract.

Sheriff Hoffman discussed getting GPS coordinates from cell phones with this system. Commissioner Rokosch stated it makes sense to have someone designated as a support person, but that is not cheap. Sheriff Hoffman stated this is one piece of equipment that affects the communications of two departments and the net result is how the community is served in regard to public health and safety. The Commissioners concurred.

Sheriff Hoffman stated he would like to have IT Director Joe Frohlich sit down with him and discuss the problems prior to going to Logisys with the attorneys. Commissioner Chilcott stated it is important to understand the contract language and responsibilities of Logisys prior to any further discussion with them. Commissioner Rokosch stated Joe was supposed to meet with 9-1-1 Director Joanna Hamilton and Civil Counsel Alex Beal in order to review the problems and the contract.

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► In other business the Board met to discuss and make a decision on a Resolution of Intent to create a Highway 93 Corridor Planning Advisory Committee. Present were Road & Bridge Supervisor David Ohnstad, Planning Director Karen Hughes and Civil Counsel Alex Beal. Numerous citizens were also present. In discussing the makeup of the advisory committee, Alex stated the requirements and make up of the Streamside Setback Committee is a good boiler plate to utilize for this Highway 93 Corridor Planning Advisory Committee. Board discussion included the number of members, term expiration (in regard to short term or long term planning needs), membership make up (representing the various jurisdictions, businesses, and organizations), how the membership will interface with the other agencies and the specific purpose and role for the committee.

Citizen Rick Fuhrman suggested the new members have some information (i.e., from the Department of Transportation) in order to address the issues of the Highway 93 corridor. Commissioner Thompson stated the University of Montana, the Department of Transportation and other agencies have done studies providing information that can be utilized by this committee. Rick also brought up the issue of funding which would be separate from the Planning issues of the Planning Board.

The Commissioners concurred with Karen in regard to having a specific purpose or focus for this committee prior to any appointment of membership. Commissioner Grandstaff asked if the purpose could also include highway corridor zoning which could be in place within a year. Discussion included the ability of having zoning in place within a year and to consider the other major arteries such as the Eastside Highway. Commissioner Thompson asked how accesses would be addressed as these issues are handled by the Department of Transportation. Commissioner Rokosch indicated public health, safety and public resources should be considered in the use of the corridor and while they do not

have any control over the access, local government should have an interface when it comes to making decisions on these accesses.

Discussion also included the information that came out of the University of Montana Land Planning Committee which also addressed commercial and residential uses along with wildlife corridors on Highway 93. Karen stated the suggestion from this study was to do some 'overlay zoning' on top of the 'foundation zoning' for the corridor.

Commissioner Chilcott stated the baseline zoning should be their number one priority and by adding another committee, would they be doing a disservice to the already existing traffic corridor study. He stated some people are pretty well 'meeting-out', and some people may pick and choose these committees simply because of the lack of time they have to commit. Commissioner Grandstaff stated this committee can complement the other committees and some people may have a particular and specific interest in the highway corridor.

Commissioner Chilcott stated some people are sitting on the sidelines waiting to see how these regulations will affect their personal lives. He felt they need to come up with a model that has success with one issue of zoning, then add the other issues, otherwise the people will vote these issues down. He stated having all of these issues 'balled up' in the zoning may be too much information and regulation coming down the pike for the citizens.

Citizen Kierstin Lange agreed the information is overwhelming, but if the issues are addressed in a piecemeal manner, important parts will be missing from the overall zoning that has become an absolute necessity. She stated many people who were at one time opposed to any zoning, are finding the need for zoning in their neighborhoods. Karen suggested they focus on the foundation zoning, but at the same time the other groups will focus on the transportation planning. When the foundation zoning is completed the other groups will have their information gathered so it can be addressed as the next logical step. Commissioner Driscoll stated this committee can enhance the planning and transportation issues that baseline zoning will also address. She pointed to the reality of the unattractiveness of our highway corridor as you enter into Hamilton and other towns.

Karen stated there needs to be an assessment of where they are now, i.e., the basics for density and land use. Each piece of the planning issue needs to be developed prior to moving into the next piece of zoning. For example, the committee should not address the wildlife corridor until the density and land use has been agreed upon.

Alex stated Commissioner Driscoll might be addressing design standards which are more detailed than basic zoning. The interim zoning expires on Nov 7th with a 30-day protest period. Therefore the public hearings will need to be scheduled in September. If you add too much to the baseline zoning, you might lose the product. Commissioner Rokosch suggested this other information be added after the baseline zoning is completed. Commissioner Chilcott stated what he is hearing is this committee would be a special committee to help research and collate the information for the CPC's in their baseline zoning efforts. He stated more specific corridor standards could come at a later date.

Commissioner Grandstaff concurred with Commissioner Chilcott's assessment because transportation is a huge portion to planning issues which can be added onto the baseline zoning.

Karen stated the baseline zoning should be addressed first then add the overlay with design standards for transportation on the corridors. This information should be utilized to enhance the baseline zoning; then the next step after the countywide zoning is adopted would be the specific standards.

Alex stated they need to have a finished product by Labor Day and the more that is added on the more difficult it becomes. He expressed concern that this could be 'slowing the process down'. Commissioner Driscoll and Grandstaff felt the information would simply enhance the information coming into the process and not slow it down.

Commissioner Chilcott reminded the Commissioners the big box interim ordinance was overturned by the voters and there must be a time frame of two-years prior to this occurring again. Alex stated the two-year mark would be the November 7th date for 2008.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated there are people who are interested in this transportation corridor and they can play a support role to the CPC's. Commissioner Chilcott stated he could support this, but he wants to make sure the baseline zoning is put into place, and he does not want it to be sabotaged by those who feel this is too much and not what they thought was coming down the pike. He stated they can always add onto the successful model.

David Ohnstad suggested this be a complementary committee. The environmental impact study is already completed, and must be utilized in any planning group as it would be difficult to change, and it certainly could not be changed within a few months. He stated it is divided into prescriptive, restrictive and permissive zones.

In discussing the actual resolution of intent to create the Highway 93 corridor planning advisory committee; Alex stated he can draft the resolution based upon the following requirements: five members with two-year terms, with at-large membership.

Commissioner Thompson stated he does not want to establish the committee; rather he would like the University of Montana study to continue. He feels this additional committee will spread the planning resources too thin. He also felt if this committee was implemented they need to have specific membership such as property owners along the corridor. Commissioner Chilcott concurred that at least one of the members needs to be a landowner along the highway corridor. Commissioner Rokosch and Grandstaff stated while they see the advantage of appointing a property owner along the corridor as part of the committee, they should not make this a requirement. Alex suggested they have at-large membership with the goal of having certain representation such as a landowner. This would give the Commissioners more flexibility.

Alex will provide the initial draft, with some input from Karen and another public meeting can be held for the actual approval or expansion of the resolution.

Discussion included the focus to be on Highway 93 and Eastside Highway or on transportation issues. It was also agreed the next agenda discussion should reflect a broad transportation issue and not necessarily limited to the Highway 93 corridor.

► In other business the Board addressed various administrative matters which included the following:

- **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve the October 15th, October 18th, and October 23rd minutes as corrected. Commissioner Grandstaff seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.**
- **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to write a Letter of support to DNRC in regard to the State initiative to contract with the US Bureau of Reclamation for water stored in Hungry Horse Reservoir to support new consumptive water uses in the Clerk Fork River Basin. Commissioner Grandstaff seconded the motion. Commissioner Driscoll stated she will not vote on this as she wants to make sure this letter does not affect any water right ownership. If it does not have a negative impact on any water right ownership she will sign the letter. Commissioners Grandstaff, Rokosch, Chilcott and Thompson voted “aye”.**
- **Commissioner Grandstaff made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2252 which allows the county to participate in the state surplus property purchases. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted “aye”.**

Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met for a discussion of Middle Burnt Fork Road with Stevensville Town Council and Road Supervisor David Ohnstad. Present were Stevensville Mayor Bill Meisner, PCI Representatives Chris Taggart and Engineer Tom Hanson.

Commissioner Rokosch called the meeting to order and gave an overview. He stated this meeting is a cooperative discussion between the county and the Town of Stevensville. Middle Burnt Fork Road has been a hot topic for awhile and he hopes there will be some common ground.

Bill Meisner stated the countywide zoning vote created some hard feelings when it excluded the incorporated cities. Commissioner Driscoll replied she understands the history but this is now and it is time to put it in the past and move forward. Commissioner Chilcott stated the zoning vote had nothing to do with the Commissioners. It was MCA language interpreted by the County Attorney’s Office to not include incorporated cities. Commissioner Rokosch asked if there was a request for an Attorney General’s opinion on the vote. Commissioner Chilcott replied not to his knowledge. Further discussion followed regarding the vote and options of incorporated cities.

Commissioner Rokosch stated today’s agenda item is Middle Burnt Fork Road and it does involve a subdivision.

David stated there are several different issues with incorporated towns and their relationship with the county in terms of annexation, growth and subdivisions. At this time, the issue with Middle Burnt Fork Road includes all of them. While Middle Burnt Fork Road is a county road, which allows the Road Department the ability to do work on the road, the Commissioners do not want to compromise the town's interest.

Tom Hanson of PCI stated he is a representative for the Town of Stevensville on their water project. The water system has been in effect since 1909. The Town constructed a wooden main down Middle Burnt Fork Road into the town. He presented a map of the water system from back in 1970. He pointed out a cast iron main that runs up to South Burnt Fork Road to the reservoir. It is eight inches underneath the edge of the road. Extending from Baldwin Lane east is a 10 inch PVC pipe installed in 1970. He stated the Town has water mains on both sides of Middle Burnt Fork Road. With the engineering reports, it was recommended to abandon the infiltration system and go with centralized wells towards town. From Eastside Highway to Logan Lane, should be a 20 inch pipe. There are gas and telephone utilities. David stated there is a 60 foot easement and it is a county road. Tom stated there is a lot of irrigation piping along the edge and ditches.

Commissioner Rokosch asked for Tom's recommendations. Tom replied the recommendations are to abandon the treatment plant, water tank and installing a new tank with a million gallon capacity in well fields located in town. The tank would include corrosion control. Tom stated the 10 inch pipe installed in 1970 will last for the time being. Further discussion followed regarding the well field.

Commissioner Chilcott asked what would happen to the 10 inch pipe. Tom replied it would be replaced with the 20 inch pipe. David stated they would grout the old line so if it continues to fail, it won't collapse. Tom stated the old wooden main goes from Park Lane to Logan Lane. David stated they would de-commission the line so it wouldn't collapse under the road.

Commissioner Driscoll asked about the timeline. Tom replied they are in the process of requesting grants for construction in 2009. Commissioner Rokosch stated he would like to address Logan Lane. He discussed the section of Logan Lane being used as a bypass for travelers. Bill stated the original use of Logan Lane was for the Road Department's trucks to not have to stop at the four-way in Stevensville. It was never intended to support the traffic currently on it. David stated the Road Department travels Pine Hollow and Logan Lane and then Middle Burnt Fork to Upper Burnt Fork School Road for projects. He has been reviewing SRD 203 Pine Hollow and SRD 269 Ambrose Creek Road projects. David stated this is a mutual effort and a good discussion to have up front. Commissioner Driscoll stated there should be an MOU for both groups.

Commissioner Rokosch asked if they have two other lines and if this would make a third line. Tom replied yes. The idea is to maintain one 10 inch line and add the 20 inch and then abandon the wooden line. Tom stated the best source for fund granting is geared towards low income people. The improvements can't be constructed for annexation.

Commissioner Driscoll asked about applying for grants for the water outside of town. Tom discussed the grant process with the Board.

Commissioner Rokosch asked about the Town in regards to the future. Tom replied it starts with a preliminary engineering report for 20 years of expansion. Commissioner Rokosch asked if only a portion of funding will be obtained. Tom replied yes, they are hoping for 50% funding. Commissioner Rokosch stated if there is going to be growth, there has to be some way to incorporate it into the infrastructure. Tom stated if there is funding for the infrastructure, he is not familiar with it. Middle Burnt Fork is somewhat of a Forest access.

Commissioner Grandstaff asked if they were going to apply for these grants soon. Tom replied they are assembling applications now for construction on Logan Lane. They do not anticipate any construction above Logan Lane. Commissioner Grandstaff asked with the proposed construction, if any improvements can be made in the meantime. David replied it would not be advised. He added they have explored the different revenue sources that may exist and it does not qualify for federal aid. They have talked about identifying the roads through the State and changing the criteria. He discussed hazard administration. Bill discussed the accident ratio on Logan Lane access onto Middle Burnt Fork Road. David replied there are criteria tied to it. He stated the funding source is prorated assessments. Board discussion followed regarding pro rata funding and the constrictions.

David stated a lot depends on the traffic study being completed. He has heard the impacts have been considered non-significant. Commissioner Rokosch asked about the level of review on the study. David replied the level of review looks at the capacity of infrastructure relative to the traffic and focuses on capacity in terms of lanes and traffic turning movements. The condition of the road way, lane width, pavement condition and geometric design of the road are included. Tom agreed with David. He stated they have the dilemma of roads being impacted by general growth. Commissioner Chilcott stated it is like sticking a bee's nest. He stated the people are asking that this road work be done, because it needs to be done, and when they call the County we tell them we are waiting for the Town to determine when they can start with the water project. The Town then tells them it is up to the county and it goes back and forth. He felt they need to find a solution.

Commissioner Chilcott suggested having all utilities on one side of the easement with water and sewer on the other side. David stated once the water study is complete, the next step is to bond for those improvements and then have grants repay the bond as they become available. Tom replied the grants they are applying for would not allow for it. Discussion followed regarding the right of way and water lines.

Commissioner Chilcott stated his concern is if you have a problem with the water you don't dig up the road to fix it. David replied to meet the current road standards; you can't have the utilities in the easement area. He stated there are user fees, connection fees, and contributions that could be used to retire the bond over time. Right now everything is on

hold. Commissioner Chilcott discussed the bonds for the water main. Bill stated they have an agreement from the developer of the subdivision for easements for sidewalks on the south side of the road. Discussion followed regarding possibilities.

Commissioner Chilcott stated the concern is the timeframe for the citizens. Bill asked if the Commissioners want to use taxpayer money to pave the road then dig it up again. He stated it would end up being paid for twice. Bill suggested using a top coat of sealant until the water system is done. Commissioner Rokosch stated it is a less costly alternative than ripping up a walkway. He stated the citizens are going to get a good road and water line when this project is completed. Bill stated to move three water lines is not cost effective.

Michael Howell asked about the traffic study and if the developer is doing their own traffic impact study. David replied it has been requested through the Town and they will take a look at it for structural capacity. Bill replied it is reviewed twice by the engineers.

Commissioner Chilcott asked when the water line project will be done and when they can move forward. Tom replied in terms of Eastside Highway to Logan Lane, pending grants, it is scheduled for 2009. Commissioner Rokosch asked Tom if the Board can be notified when they start the process Tom replied it will be next summer when they know about the funding.

Commissioner Driscoll asked about doing an overlay. David replied a decision needs to be made for an improvement that will be torn up. The Road Department is on a schedule and does not have the time or the resources to do it. Commissioner Rokosch asked what happens when plan A fails. Would it be realistic if the plan fails to make the improvements? David replied at that time, yes. He stated he would not recommend doing it under a two year time frame. Commissioner Chilcott stated they have to draw the line somewhere as the Commissioners have a responsibility to the people. He asked how long the road will be in this condition. David replied he realizes it is not a level of service they expect from a highway but it is still serviceable.

Tom stated the funds being requested are main grant funds and need to be paid back. He stated the issue is how much to ask the citizens to pay back. Tom discussed the timeframe for the grant application. David stated the Board needs to work with the Town of Stevensville regarding costs. Chris suggested a letter of support from the Commissioners for funding options. Commissioner Rokosch suggested meeting again. Bill replied the second week of January would be good.

► In other business, the Board met for discussion and decision regarding membership and control of the Victor Park District. Present were Victor Park District President Jim Webb, Members Anita Drewien and Gene Buroker, County Park Board members John Ormiston and Robert Cron, Victor Youth Athletics Director Bill Clark and several citizens.

Commissioner Rokosch called the meeting to order. He stated there was some discussion regarding the Victor Park District membership in the prior meeting and how they can conduct business. He stated one member withdrew their resignation changing their voting ability sustaining the District with a quorum.

Civil Counsel Alex Beal gave a review. He stated the withdrawal of the resignation by the member was received according to statute. This withdrawal now leaves a quorum in tact. The MCA allows the Victor Park District to appoint another member until the May elections. He stated the purpose and point of the Victor Park District was to handle the bike path on Highway 93. Their responsibility has further expanded to the ball field. The question is how to pay for all the needed and desired services.

Alex stated there is a line item within the budget dedicated to the Florence Bike Path. Commissioner Thompson asked for clarification. He stated the individual districts were set up to develop the amenities within the communities. Victor Park District did not know they were responsible for the ball park. They were formed for the maintenance (not plowing) of the walkways. Now MDOT has told them they were responsible for plowing. Commissioner Thompson stated he was part of the negotiation. The county ended up with \$28,000 from MDOT for maintenance of the walkways. He discussed the bike path that is built through Victor and how there was a one time payment to Florence for the maintenance of the bike paths and plowing.

Alex stated the question is how the Board wants it to be and also a question of Victor Park District having added responsibilities (such as the ball fields). This could be addressed at election time in May since the election is within the school districts.

Commissioner Driscoll stated this could clarify the purpose of the Victor Park District. Anita replied 75% of their funds go to the maintenance of the walk ways (highways) and 25% goes to other entities within the Victor Park District. Dave Meadow stated it was all inclusive when it was negotiated. It is written in the bylaws how these monies are distributed.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated it seems to her the function of the Victor Park District is in question. Commissioner Chilcott asked about the jurisdictional boundaries. It was noted this district follows the school district boundaries.

Commissioner Thompson stated if there is no Park District, are we going to have the amenities? He stated he does not want the Department of Transportation (MDOT) to put this stretch of the highway project off another couple of years.

John stated one of the issues MDOT had is how the paths will be maintained. In the northern section of the county, originally the Florence Civic Club had the responsibility. The Civic Club dissolved and it fell back onto the Florence Park District.

Commissioner Rokosch asked Clerk & Recorder Regina Plettenberg about the election dates. Regina replied filing would open Christmas Eve and the current members are

appointed by acclamation. She stated no interest was shown in this district for opposition. Anyone can come in to file. Michelle Buker asked Regina if the openings for election are due to the resignations. Regina replied yes.

Dave Meadows stated it is premature to talk about disbanding the Park District. He explained their purpose was to have a representative from each area such as the Garden Club and the Ball Park. He stated they need a mediator. Commissioner Driscoll replied there is a need to enhance the community and work together.

Discussion of the Garden Club followed by several citizens. Commissioner Grandstaff stated there needs to be clarification of how the Garden Club falls under the umbrella of the Victor Park District.

Eugene Arrowstad stated there is a misrepresentation of the fee presented to the Victor citizens. They have taken out the Garden Club altogether. The money needs to be distributed equally among the entities. Alex stated these concerns need to be addressed by the Park District, not the Board of Commissioners.

Steve Bunosha asked about the 75% that goes to properties. Anita replied 75% of the taxes collected go toward the maintenance of the walkways when the highway is constructed.

Jim stated in 2007 the Ball Park received \$9,000 and the Garden Club received \$2,000. The remainder of the monies which equaled 75% is held for the walkway maintenance. Commissioner Chilcott stated the Board would like to help resolve these issues but the Board 'does not have a dog in the fight'.

Michelle asked if an appointment of Board members will be made January 22nd. Anita replied yes.

Bill Clark stated Victor Youth Athletics has a ten year lease agreement with the County that had expired. When they tried to renew the lease with the Ravalli County Park District, they were told they had to go through the Victor Park District. He stated Victor Park District did not know they governed Victor Youth Athletics. He stated it is easy to say "work it out" but you can't if no one will talk. The lease expires December 31st and the next meeting isn't until January 22nd.

Commissioner Driscoll stated these things need to be worked out and it is important for everyone to remember the Victor Youth Athletics has put time and effort into this ball field. Commissioner Thompson stated Victor Youth Athletics did not do all the work for the ball field. The County Park Board has given money to the Victor Youth Athletics for the ball field and numerous volunteers have done the work.

Commissioner Rokosch stated RC&D could provide outside facilitation for these two groups because the Commissioners have taken this as far as they can to help solve the issues.

Commissioner Chilcott asked if the lease can be extended. Anita replied they want to interview and appoint new members before addressing the new lease. Jim replied they have a difference of opinion of what a lease should be and it's contents. He stated they modeled their ball park lease after Del Reynolds' lease with Hamilton. They need to look at the draft and bring it back with comments. He requested Bill meet with him and go over the lease making any necessary changes.

Jack Barber asked if they would consider extending the lease until the January 22nd meeting.

Commissioner Driscoll asked for clarification regarding the umbrella of the Victor Park District and Victor Youth Athletics. Anita stated it is a user's agreement not an ownership agreement. She explained the Victor Park District Board gave money to the Victor Youth Athletics and they are trying to follow up with those obligations.

Darin Friable stated when Victor Park District appoints new members; they should not be prejudiced in regard to the Victor Youth Athletics.

Commissioner Rokosch requested legal advice. Alex stated Victor Youth Athletics are obviously looking for a new lease for the ball park as the season is up coming. Anita replied they too are looking at renewing the lease. Alex advised Bill he will need to address this new lease at the next Victor Park District meeting. Commissioner Driscoll stated she would like to be present at the next Victor Park District meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.